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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your **URGENT** intervention in the following situation in **East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:

The International Secretariat of OMCT has been informed, by reliable sources, of the presumed arrests of three East Timorese men on Christmas Day in the Ermera district and is gravely concern for their physical and psychological integrity.

According to information received, **Jeronimo Soares** and **Manuel** (no surname) were arrested by members of the SGI (Indonesian Intelligence Unit). in Letefoho on 25 December 1996 at 5.00pm. The information suggests that **Jeronimo Soares** was arrested after being involved in a fight with a East Timorese man called Nandino. It is alleged that Nandino is working with the Indonesian military. **Jeronimo Soares** was taken to the prison at SGI headquarters in Letefoho, where it is believed he is still in detention. It is not known whether **Manuel** is being detained.

According to the same reports, it is believed that **Mateus Gomes**, a teacher in Loimea village in Atsabe, was also arrested on 25 December after being accused of providing food to the Resistance guerrillas. He was arrested by members of the Indonesian Rajawali Battalion, and taken to a Rajawali military camp, where, it is believed, he was interrogated, tortured with beatings and electric shocks. His current whereabouts is unknown.

Action requested:
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

I. locate the whereabouts of **Jeronimo Soares, Manuel** and **Gomes Mateus** and guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of all people detained and inform their families;

II. order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial tribunal and guarantee their full procedural rights;

III. order an immediate inquiry into the events and identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal / civil or administrative sanction provided by the law in force.

IV. ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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Geneva, 17 January 1997

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.